

Heart of Pitsea Annual Report 2019—2020



HEART OF PITSEA

Foreword

This year has been a different year which has included a change of Co-ordinator and a global pandemic; the two are not connected.

However, regardless of the change we have been through the Heart of Pitsea is still standing and has achieved a great deal this year. We have started new projects and have continued our long running projects and provided a reactive response to the COVID 19 crisis.

Heart of Pitsea's amazing Resident Committee have continued to show their dedication attending monthly partnership meetings, training events and continue to develop ideas which fit into what the community needs and wants as per the 2018-2021 plan.



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3 YEAR BIG LOCAL PLAN

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*“Our vision is for an engaged community **that** creates
opportunities for everyone and feels good about itself”*

COMMUNITY

What have we done?

This year we got bigger and better!

Legacy Park Launch.

We launched Legacy Park; this included providing gym and play equipment at Legacy Park and Elm Green.



Summer Activities

Utilising the new Legacy Park and Elm Green we put on a our very welcome Summer activities which benefitted approximately 150 Pitsea children.

The Summer Activities, Triffik Twelve was ran by our amazing Youth Leaders and Woodland Warriors who provided craft activities, a colour run and Pro-sports and Tri-Oracle who provided and ran activities with a sport focus.



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COMMUNITY

Youth Market Challenge

HOP Youth Forum carried out a Youth Market Challenge which focussed on Entrepreneurs. The participating youth's bought products to sell on market stalls. This was to enhance business skills and confidence.



Community Groups

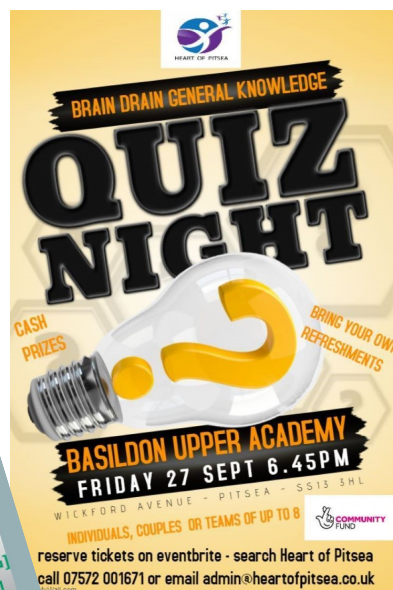
We have continued to run our normal community groups; Community Connect and Incredible Edible. Our Youth Club and Little Monsters have also been going strong with regular attendance.



COMMUNITY

Evening Events

This year we have also put on a number of evening events which have ranged from quizzes to horse racing nights.



COMMUNITY

Christmas— We also put on an amazing Christmas event that was our biggest one yet ; many people attended and it cost £10000. There are now permanent lights on two trees next to TSB bank that can be used time and time again to make any event that little bit prettier.

The Christmas event had fairground rides, Christmas market stalls, a band and Father Christmas!!

The event had sponsors who were Cribbs Funeral Directors, Jet Wheel Tyres, Faze catering and Peabody. £500 was donated to five charities each receiving £100 who very much appreciated it.

The event was enjoyed by all and was a great success and a special thanks goes to Basildon and Pitsea Carnival Association who ran the stage.



HEALTH

Health —To fulfil our commitment to the health of SS13 3 residents we have continued to promote and facilitate the Dipple Medical Centre's Patient Participation Group and organised a Community Health Market. This allowed us to provide up to date information to the residents in our area and other health or support agencies to promote their services. Our last Community Health Market had 12 services in attendance and many of the hundreds of people who attend the Dipple Medical centre stopped by.

We have also provided funding to the lovely Listening Post in 2018 to provide 20 Pitsea residents with 12 sessions of free counselling who completed this project.



SKILLS

First Aid -We have carried out a lot of training this year for our younger people this has included training 461 primary school children in CPR, stemming bleeding placing people in the recovery position and speaking to the emergency services. One participant had to use this training and did so successfully. This was a proposal sent to us from Southend YMCA in 2018 and completed the training this year.

Southend YMCA also ran a more advanced training programme for pupils from the Basildon Academies in Basic Life Support; all very important skills.

We also provided our staff and volunteers with First Aid Training.

Employment Skills—We also started an online skills programme called “Community Skills Station”. This allows Pitsea residents or employees of Pitsea small businesses the opportunity to gain skills in Health and Safety, management and care to enhance their CV’s and prospects for future employment.

COMMUNITY SKILLS STATION

Upskill today with free on-line courses. Enhance your skills and become more employable, Open to HOP residents and small businesses.

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Youth Forum

Our unique Youth Forum have funded a multitude of projects this year and have been interviewed for an article in on the Local Trust website. The Youth Forum is unique as they are the only Youth Forum in any of the Big Local sites; they are provided with funding from the Heart of Pitsea to fund projects that are Youth Centrix. The Youth Forum competed against Basildon Borough Youth Council in a Youth Market Challenge this year which saw amazing initiative from both groups. This year they have funded or contributed to:

- The Easter Legacy Park events
- Triffik 12
- The Youth Market Challenge
- The Teen Gym Project
- The Children's Christmas party at the Youth Clubs
- The Community Christmas event
- Poo Patrol Project
- Provided Defibrillators for the Schools
- They continue to provide funding to the Experiences and Extras project.



What are we planning?

Men's Shed—We are trying to develop a Men's Shed Plus. Men's Shed is a national organisation that has helped produce sheds all over the country to help reduce loneliness and isolation. Ours will be a little bit different and would also incorporate a space for the community to use.



AGAINST CRIME TOGETHER IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD (ACTION)

ACTION is a three year plan to reduce crime within Pitsea. It will focus on projects that use various delivery methods to reduce our youths involvement in criminal activities. This project is in the early stages of development but nine issues will be addressed these will be:

- Knife Crime
- Gangs and County Lines
- Drugs
- Domestic Violence/Mental Cruelty/Sexual Abuse
- Prison/Consequences of Crime/Victims/Victims Support
- Grooming and Cyber bullying
- Antisocial Behaviour and Criminal Damage
- Burglary/Robbery/Car Theft
- Community Safety and Fear of Crime

This will allow us to help shape Pitsea into an engaged community that creates opportunities for everyone and feels good about itself.



Partnership

The partnership still consists of our dedicated Resident Committee who were nominated at Basildon 70 this year for work within the community.

Resident Committee

Co-Chair—Tracey Griffith

Co-Chair—Sue Houghton

Member—Keith Bobbin

Member—Peter Dickson

Member—Andy Florence

Member—Carole Turkson

The partnership have been supported by:

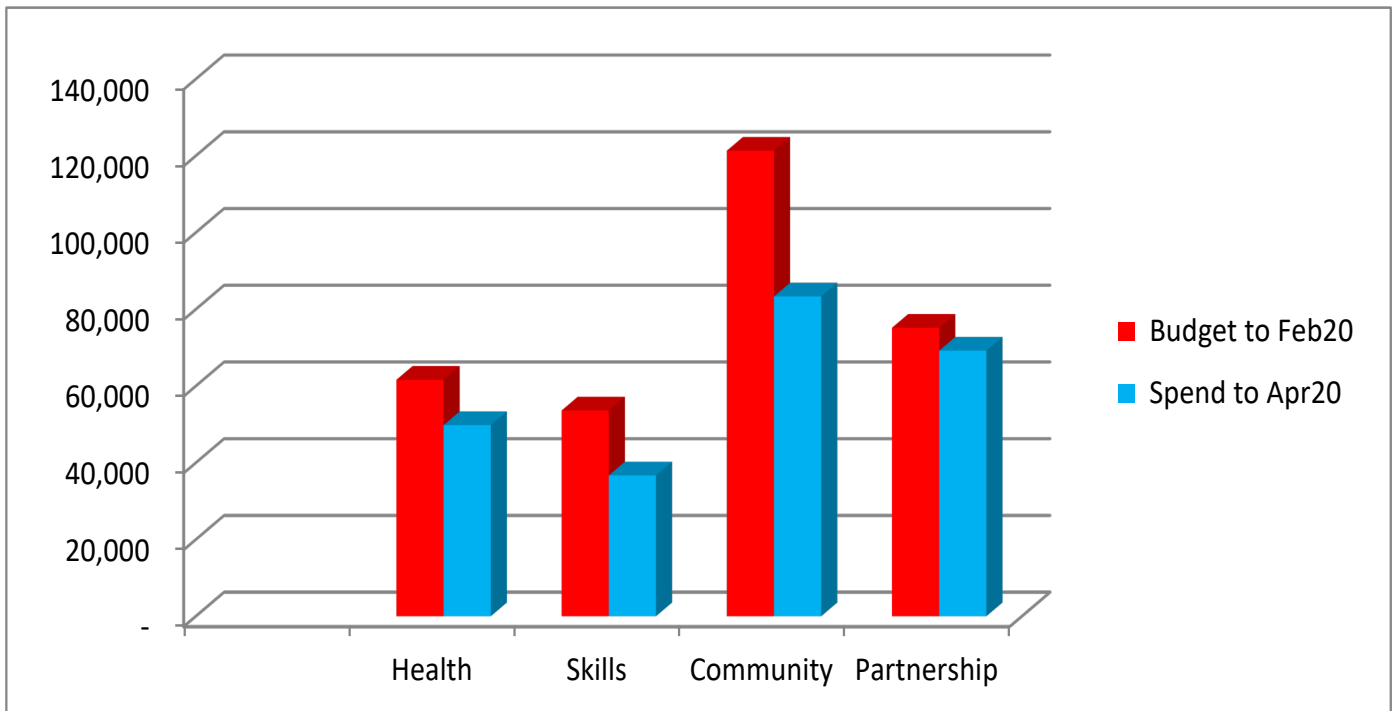
Co-ordinator—Simon Johnson

New Co-ordinator –Stephanie Vella

Administrator—Gill Butwell



What have we spent?



ALL £	Budget to Feb20	Spend to Apr20	Underspend/ (Overspend)	
Health	61,630	49,822	11,808	19%
Skills	53,630	36,710	16,920	32%
Community	121,325	83,352	37,973	31%
Partnership	75,187	69,232	5,955	8%
Total Expenditure	311,772	239,116	72,656	23%